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## HEALTH FAIR



The Haskell and Grant County Health Departments partnered with the Kansas State Farmworker Health Program (KSFHP), and Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) to carry out a health fair in Sublette on August 28.

The health fair was targeted at the growing population of Low German speaking, Mexican Menonites coming to work in agriculture in Western Kansas. Due to the farmworkers' limited English skills, Low German/English interpreters were used to assure that the more than 135 people who attended the fair received information on KSFHP, breast and cervical cancer, migrant education opportunities, diabetes, an area substance abuse support group in Low German, mental health resources, child safety seat use, immigration, oral health and dental services. The health departments administered immunizations, blood sugar and blood pressures checks. Free giveaways included balloons, toothpaste, toothbrushes, books, crayons, pencils, notebooks, and other items. To the delight of the children, Edgar the Elephant, the mascot for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program



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at KDHE, participated and handed out Frisbees. The health fair was a success and plans are already in place to schedule another fair for this population in October 2005. We would like to thank the following agencies for their participation and support: United Methodist Mexican American Ministries, New Opportunities, and the Western Conference, Mennonite Church USA.



## FLU-X



The Kansas Bioterrorism Program is organizing a series of exercises designed to assess local health department plans for conducting mass vaccination clinics in response to public health emergencies. Named "Flu-X," the exercises will provide actual flu shots at no charge to community residents who participate.

"Flu-X will prepare communities for an emergency, while helping to protect against the flu," stated Mindee Reece, director of the Kansas Bioterrorism Program. "We commend the participating local health departments for all of their hard work to organize these clinics."

Local health departments in ten counties have been working with the program since January to coordinate Flu-X exercises. Clinics will be held in the following communities throughout the month of October:

**Crawford County** - Pittsburg, Girard and Cherokee – October 7

**Geary County** – Junction City - October 9

**Osborne County** – Osborne – October 13

**Saline County** – Salina – October 14

**Lyon County** – Emporia – October 16

**Reno County** – Hutchinson – October 19

**Pratt County** – Pratt – October 20

**Shawnee County** – Topeka – October 21

**Douglas County** – Lawrence – October 23

**Seward County** – Liberal – October 27



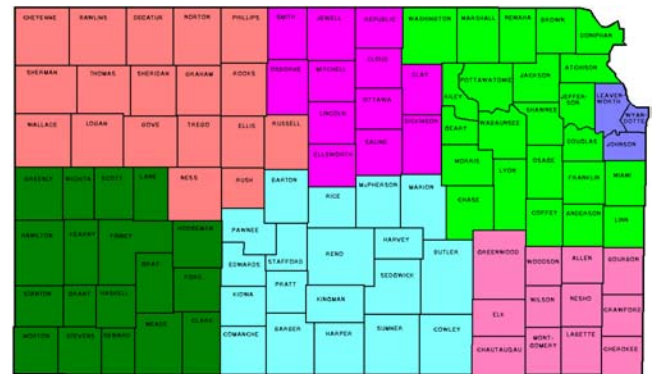
Flu vaccine used in the exercises is paid for through federal programs, to include Medicare and Medicaid for individuals eligible for those programs.

Similar influenza vaccination exercises held in other states last fall have been used as models for Flu-X.

As always, the exercises will be evaluated. Each local health department will receive a comprehensive report providing information about their performance during the exercise and how to improve.

Each year in the United States, about 36,000 people die from the flu, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). From September 2003 through January 2004, at least 919 Kansans died of influenza/pneumonia related illness.

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### DIAGNOdent TRAINING (laser fluorescent dental device)

DIAGNOdent is a Class II laser device that can detect changes in tooth surface by measuring fluorescence. The benefits are improved diagnostic accuracy and early intervention. Tooth decay is one of the most common chronic childhood illnesses - five times more common than asthma. Poor oral health can have a significant impact on children's overall health, growth and development, and learning. Children's dental-related illnesses are responsible for more than 51 million lost school hours each year. By conducting oral health screening, nurses will promote prevention, early identification of dental problems and aid in the collection of data to help determine the oral health status of the student population in the state of Kansas. Information will be given concerning the infectious and transmissible nature of the bacteria that causes dental caries. Participants will learn oral health risk assessment methods and be confident in their ability to adequately screen and refer oral abnormalities. Participants in the workshop will also receive training in the use of the non-invasive laser fluorescent dental device or DIAGNOdent.



An interactive television (ITV) presentation will be held on Friday, October 22, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the following locations.

**Pittsburg:** Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center, Pogson Teleconference Room

**Wichita:** KDHE South Central District Office, 130 South Market, Suite 6050

**Topeka:** Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Room 3A, Flints Hills Conference Room

**Hays:** KDHE Northwest District Office, 2301 E. 13th Street

**Salina:** KDHE North Central District Office, 2501 Market Place, Suite D

**Oakley:** Logan County Hospital, 211 Cherry Street

**Garden City:** KUMC Southwest AHEC, 1501 Fulton Terrace, Suite 1



This workshop is offered at no cost to nurses employed by school systems or local health departments. Pre-registration is required. All mailed registrations must be postmarked no later than October 14. Faxed registrations must be received no later than noon on October 18. Seating space is limited at some sites, so please register as soon as possible. Registration forms are available at <http://www.pittstate.edu/kumc>

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### WALK & CELEBRATE! Raise Money!



Memory Walk is the Alzheimer's Association's national signature event to help those battling Alzheimer's disease. Since 1989, Memory Walk has raised more than \$149 million and is the largest national fundraising event

for the Association.

Memory Walk takes place in more than 600 communities nationwide. Millions of men, women and children will participate as walkers, volunteers and sponsors this year. Participants walk as individuals or as part of a team. Walkers ask friends, family, business associates and others to sponsor them by making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association. All money raised is used to provide needed programs and services throughout the state of Kansas.

### SET A GOAL!

Aim high, join the memory walk at one of the designated sites listed below.

**Atchison** – Saturday, October 16, 10:00 a.m. – Noon. Contact Roxann Scheid, 913-367-6066.

**Council Grove** – Saturday, October 2, Neosho River Walk, 10:00 – Noon. Contact Elisha Smith, 620-767-5172.

**Emporia** – Sunday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m., Communications Plaza, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Contact Paula Sauder, 620-342-9100.



**Lawrence** – Saturday, September 18, The Smith Center at Brandon Woods. Contact Peg Wessel, 785-594-3731 or [pewesselrn@yahoo.com](mailto:pewesselrn@yahoo.com).

**Manhattan** – Saturday, September 25, 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Contact Melanie Horton, [mhorton@ksu.edu](mailto:mhorton@ksu.edu).

**Overland Park** - Saturday, October 2nd, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Corporate Woods. Choose a one-mile or three-mile Challenge Course. Food, entertainment and Kid's Corner for post walk activities. To request a walker brochure or form a team, please Trisha McClanahan, call 913-831-3888.

**Pittsburg** – Saturday, October 9, 706 North Broadway 8:30 a.m. Contact Janice Allison, 620-231-9897 or [momsage94@hotmail.com](mailto:momsage94@hotmail.com).

**Salina** – Saturday, October 9, Jerry Ivey Park, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Contact Carole Wood, 785-452-9803.

**Topeka** – Saturday, October 2 at Reynolds Lodge at Lake Shawnee, 8:00 a.m. – Noon. Contact Jennifer Haller, 785-234-2523 or [jennifer.haller@alz.org](mailto:jennifer.haller@alz.org).

#### OLRH "WELCOME WAGON"



Friday, August 27 the Office of Local and Rural (OLRH) staff delivered cookies via a "Welcome Wagon" to greet all newcomers to the third floor of the Curtis Building. Pictured is Tom Morey, Bureau of Consumer Health, receiving a cookie, and OLRH staff; (left to right) Barbara Huske, Jerry Tenbrink, Anita Hodge, Pat Behnke, Karen Heckman and Amber Hermreck. (Not pictured - Chris Tilden).

#### KIPHS REPORT

*by Pete Kitch*



Careful and appropriate strategic planning and development of clear requirements have always been success indicators for systems development projects in private industry. We are seeing growing interest in these topics nationally in public health. For example the National Health Informatics Infrastructure (NHII) project supported at the HHS Secretary level has created an extensive plan relating to the work required to build such an infrastructure, and also has funded several NHII demonstration projects across the country. We have been asked if we would be willing to consult with several of these projects from a strategic planning and requirements definition perspective based on our previous work in public health informatics projects, including our recent lead technical role in the development of the strategic plan and requirements definition for the next generation public health laboratory information management system in partnership with the Association of Public Health Laboratories and the Public Health Informatics Institute.

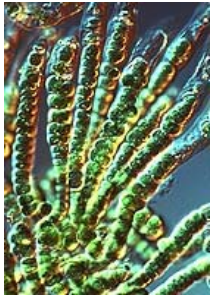
Our most interesting strategic planning opportunity, however, has been with the State of Minnesota where the legislature directed the Minnesota Department of Health to convene a group to provide recommendations and advice on how best to accelerate progress on the development of a more comprehensive public health information system infrastructure for the state. Minnesota has a long history of commitment to public health and a structure similar to Kansas in that the local health departments are separate jurisdictions represented by an active Local Public Health Association. We are serving as the strategic planning technical consultant to the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee, composed of local and state representatives, that is responsible for the preparation of the strategic plan to be delivered to the legislature in January 2005.

It is an exciting process in which to be involved, and gratifying to work with a broad array of public health advocates who believe community level public health is foundational. It has added a new dimension to our passion for public health informatics at the community level; we're just lucky it also happens to be our business!

## BLUE-GREEN ALGAE AND RECREATION

by Theresa Hodges

Bureau of Environmental Field Services



Blue-green algae are a group of aquatic organisms that are common in lakes, reservoirs and ponds and are a natural component of all aquatic ecosystems. Scientists refer to these organisms as cyanobacteria. They have many of the characteristics of other bacteria, but use the same

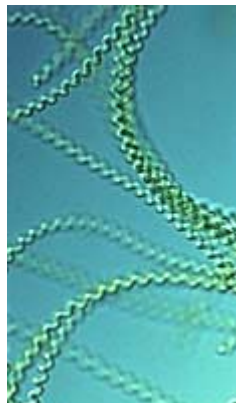
photosynthetic pigment, chlorophyll-a, as other advanced plant species.

In nutrient enriched lakes or ponds, *blooms* of blue-green algae can impair recreational uses. When certain conditions are right, a "bloom" occurs. In time, the blooms will naturally die off. A "bloom" is the result of rapid growth of the algae and most often appears as surface scum. Clumps of algae floating in the water can look like grass clippings or curds of green cottage cheese. Very often a "bloom" is accompanied by a foul odor that has sometimes been described as septic or fishy.

Swimming in an area with a blue-green algae bloom may result in skin rash and itching. Some blue-green algae produce toxins. Drinking water with a high concentration of blue-green algae toxins may cause illness, and in extremely rare cases, death. While it is never recommended individuals drink untreated lake, pond, or stream water, it is even more important to avoid drinking untreated water where blue-green algae are present.

It is generally okay to eat fish taken from water bodies where blue-green algae blooms are occurring. However, it is always unwise to eat fish that appear sick, or have sores or wounds on their skin.

It is important to keep pets from drinking water with high concentrations of blue-green algae. It is not that animals are more sensitive to the algae toxins than humans; they are simply not as concerned with the way water looks or smells before they drink it. There have been cases where animals have died as a result of drinking blue-green algae toxins in water.



The following precautions should be taken when using in lakes, ponds or reservoirs:

- I. Observe all warning or closure signs at the swim beaches and boat ramps.
- II. Do not swim or wade in the water if you can visibly see the blue-green algae in the water; if the water is highly odorous, or if dead or dying fish are present.
- III. Avoid drinking lake, pond, or stream water.
- IV. Shower after swimming.
- V. Keep pets from drinking lake or pond water if a blue-green algae bloom is present.
- VI. Avoid spray from blue-green algae blooms and scums when boating and skiing.

### REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

**Central Region:** Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer, 785-827-9639 for more information. Date is:

November - Date to be announced

**North Central Region:** Meetings are held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer, 785-827-9639 for more information. Dates and locations are:

October 26 Lincoln

December 7 Abilene

**Northeast Region:** Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge, 785-368-8110 or Jon Anderson, 620-431-2390 for more information. Date is:

December 9

**Northwest Region:** Meetings are held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please contact Debbie Whitmer, 785-827-9639 for more information. Dates are:

October 14

December 9

**Southeast Region:** Meetings are held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Holiday Park Motel, 3030 S. Santa Fe, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson, 620-431-2390 for more information. Date is:

November 4

**Southwest Region:** Meetings are held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Garden City. Location to be announced. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 for more information. Date is:

November 19



## PERSONNEL UPDATES

**Dennis Elliott, PA** - has assumed the position of Director of the Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness Program, Office of Local and Rural Health. Dennis's clinical experience includes six years in rural family medicine and 14 years in university student health at Kansas State University. Mr. Elliott went into academic medicine in January 1995 as clinical coordinator of the Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Science Center in Shreveport and stayed until August 2000. Elliott's military background includes four years as Navy Hospital Corpsman attached to the US Marine Corps with two tours of duty in Viet Nam.



**Shelli Miller** - Business Administrator at Greeley County Health Department in Tribune has been appointed the new health department administrator starting September 1. Lisa Wineinger, RN, was hired as the new nurse administrator on September 7.

**Jerry Pittsenbarger, MPA** - Regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Lyon County Health Department and the East Central Kansas Public Health Coalition resigned effective Friday, September 10. Jerry has accepted the position of Analyst VI (Emergency Planner) at the University of California-Davis. Her office will be in the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) in Sacramento. She will be assisting CDHS's Emergency Planning Office (EPO) in the design, development, and testing of strategic national stockpile warehouse management emergency procedures.

**Jerry Tenbrink, BA** - has assumed the position of BT Preparedness Training Coordinator, Office of Local and Rural Health, effective August 15. In this role, Jerry is responsible for assuring coordination of training activities within the various focus areas of the CDC Bioterrorism Preparedness Program, the HRSA Hospital Preparedness Program, and with external training partners. This position was previously held by Terri Ploger-McCool, who now serves as Homeland Security Coordinator for Kansas Department of Emergency Management (KDEM).



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Register Now

#### **Risk Communication Training Near You!**

Do you understand your role in a crisis? Are you prepared to talk with the media? ***Risk Communications: A Team Approach***, sponsored by the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments and KDHE, will give participants hands-on practice at media relations and a unique opportunity to work together as a community team before a real crisis strikes.

If you are a county leader or first responder, we want you at this training!

***Risk Communications: A Team Approach*** will be offered to health department leaders, county public information officers, county commissioners, county clerks, emergency managers, sheriff's officers and fire department representatives in 15 locations throughout Kansas this fall.

Here are the remaining Risk Com U sessions offered this fall:

**WICHITA** – Hyatt Regency – Trail Rooms – October 12

Counties Invited: Butler, Cowley, Harper, Harvey, Marion, Reno, Sedgwick and Sumner.

**KANSAS CITY** – Hilton Garden Inn – Eisenhower Room – October 15

Counties Invited: Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte.

**SALINA** – Rolling Hills Zoo Conference Center – October 26

Counties Invited: Barton, McPherson, Pawnee, Rice, Saline and Stafford.

**IOLA** – The Greenery Restaurant - November 9

Counties Invited: Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Linn and Woodson.

**CHANUTE** – Chanute Country Club - November 10

Counties Invited: Chautauqua, Cherokee, Crawford, Elk, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho and Wilson.

**MANHATTAN** – K-State Alumni Center - November 17

Counties Invited: Geary, Pottawatomie and Riley.

**EMPORIA** – Best Western – November 19

Counties Invited: Chase, Coffey, Franklin, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris, Osage and Wa-baunsee.

**KINGMAN** – Kingman Christian Church – November 30

Counties Invited: Barber, Comanche, Edwards, Kingman, Kiowa and Pratt.

**TOPEKA** – Capitol Plaza Hotel – Emerald Ballroom – December 3

Counties Invited: Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Jefferson, Marshall, Nemaha and Shawnee.

To register for one of these sessions go to <http://ks.train.org> or go to <http://www.kalhd.org> for a mail-in registration form and more details about the seminar. If you have questions about this training, contact Jennifer Keller, project director, via email at [jennifer.keller@cox.net](mailto:jennifer.keller@cox.net).

The Kansas Health Foundation provided funding for this statewide media-training project.



Pat McDonald lead trainer for the project, asked participants at the Risk Communication training in Beloit on September 10, to identify qualities of reporters.

### World Water Monitoring Day



From September 18th – October 18th you have an opportunity to be a part of World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD). World Water Monitoring Day is a cooperative event sponsored by America's Clean Water

Foundation and the International Water Association. It is designed to encourage volunteer monitoring programs, water quality agencies, student groups, and the general public to test waters in their area. The test parameters are four key indicators of watershed health: temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity. If you do not have access to equipment, test kits may be purchased on-line at

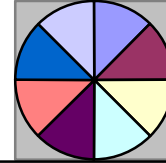
[www.worldwatermonitoringday.org](http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org) for \$13.00. Your group will have the opportunity to enter your monitoring results on-line to provide a global snap shot of water quality.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is participating in the program by recording monitoring information on-line and serving as Kansas' contact agency. We are available to assist in any events you may wish to schedule and are offering free test kits to persons hosting a monitoring event. To participate, you may register your site, record your monitoring results and obtain additional

information at the world monitoring day Website or contact Jaime Gaggero, Bureau of Water, 296-5579.

### Where Do the Daily Activities of Public Health Fit Into the Core Competencies?

#### Part Two



- Analytic Assessment Skill
- Policy Development/Program Planning Skills
- Communication Skills
- Cultural Competency Skills
- Community Dimensions of Practice Skills
- Basic Public Health Sciences Skills
- Financial Planning & Management Skills
- Leadership & Systems Thinking Skills

The first installment in this three-part series introduced public health core functions, essential services, and core competencies. This article will illustrate how these concepts are incorporated into daily activities at health department in Kansas.

The Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice (COL) drew up the list of skills, knowledge, aptitudes and attitudes they call "core competencies." Over 100 distinct competency statements have been identified. They are grouped into nine "domains," that is, areas of the same or a similar nature. The statements in each of the domains are linked to one another. Mastering the skill described in one competency statement will often make other competencies easier to achieve. The COL identified three levels of public health worker, and wrote sample task and duty lists that distinguish between front line, senior level, and supervisory and management staff. They also defined three levels of skill mastery for each competency, ranging from "awareness" through "knowledgeable" to "proficient."

As you will remember from our last article, the first core public health function we usually speak of is assessment. The first essential service on the list is "monitor health status to identify community health status." The first domain of the core competencies is related to analytic and/or assessment skills.

The competencies identified in Domain one include skills and activities like "define a problem," "determine appropriate uses and limitations of both quantitative and qualitative data", and "identify relevant and appropriate data and information sources." When we look at concepts and terms like these, it becomes easier to answer the question,



"What do these competencies have to do with the daily activities in my health department?"

The goal of essential public health service one is "Monitor health status to identify community health problems." In order to monitor health status, public health must find ways to measure individual and group health parameters, and then decide whether the health issue rises to the level of a community health problem. This may include counting things like the number of clients that utilize a specific service or who voice a particular complaint or need, the number of phone calls from the public for information on specific topics, normal versus abnormal labs, noting how quickly brochures and other information are picked up in the lobby, or any other measurement you can think of that may be significant for your setting. Monitoring health status is not confined just to "counting" of course, it also includes activities like interaction with other providers and meeting with community organizations to explore health related needs of specific populations (often the marginalized segments of our communities).

So, what kind of example can we find in the real world?

In applying for the MCH grant from KDHE, questions were raised in Kingman County about birth and death rates. Pertinent information about Kingman County was obtained by looking at a Joint State Needs Assessment completed in November of 2000. This data showed that the child death rate in Kingman County was much higher than the state average. Information about these deaths showed that some of them were from farm related accidents.



The health department and the K-State Research and Extension office in Kingman County wrote and obtained a grant targeting fifth graders in the county with information regarding farm safety. Several area agencies were involved in planning an event that occurred April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Kingman County Fairground Activity Center. Each fifth grader in the county received a t-shirt and a bag with items contributed by local and federal sponsors. Eight stations were set up to promote farm safety. These included:

- First Aid Safety
- Power Take Off Safety
- Four Wheeler Safety
- Sun Safety
- Large Animal Safety
- Rescue Operation
- Helicopter Med-Vac
- Small Equipment and Power Tool Safety

The event was so successful that plans are already being made to apply for another grant next year and repeat this event.

The health department reviewed the data, made the assessment, and identified the problem. Community partners implemented a successful farm-safety program for the area's fifth grade children. The expected outcome is that the number of farm related deaths in children in Kingman County will decrease as this program targets more children.

This example from Kingman County shows some of the reasons for performing assessment. You can probably think of similar activities from your county. Remember, assessment is only one of the competencies you use in your day-to-day duties.

The final installment of this series will present information on how to complete the Local Public Health and Environment Workforce Training Needs Assessment.

## CONFERENCE

### Kansas State Nurses Association (KSNA) Convention



Linda J. Stierle, MSN, RN, CNAA, BC, will deliver the keynote presentation at the 2004 Annual Convention for the Kansas Nurses Association (KSNA). Stierle, a nurse leader with more than 30 years diverse management experience in health care operations, is the chief executive officer (CEO) of the American Nurses Association (ANA) and the American Nurses Foundation (ANF). In this capacity, Stierle develops and implements program designed to meet the vision and goals of the association. In her presentation entitled "Nurses: Your Voice, Your Health, Your Life," Stierle plans to address nursing's agenda for the future, the work of ANA, the state of nursing profession, federal initiatives to address the nursing shortage and staffing the healthcare institutions.

The Annual KSNA Convention will take place October 14-15 at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita. A total of 5.6 contact hours for RNs and LPNs is offered, and 8 contact hours for ARNPs. Early registration fees for KSNA members are \$90, non-members are \$115, and graduate students or retirees are \$50 (limited to full-time graduate students and RNs over 62 and retired). To qualify for early registration fees, registration forms must be submitted by Friday, October 1. For additional registration information, contact KSNA headquarters at 785-233-8638,



visit [www.nursingworld.org/snas/ks](http://www.nursingworld.org/snas/ks) or email: [ksna@ksna.net](mailto:ksna@ksna.net).

Other presenters will cover a full range of topics at the convention.

## TRAININGS

### Billing Workshops



**NC Billing Group**, December 1 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, County Emergency Building, Lincoln

**NE Billing Group**, November 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Curtis Building, Azure Conference Room, Topeka

**NW Billing Group**, November 30 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, Decatur County Health Dept., Oberlin

**SC Billing Group**, November 18 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson

**SE Billing Group**, December 21 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, District Office, Chanute

**SW Billing Group**, November 12 from 9: a.m. – 12 noon, Satanta Bank, Satanta

### Medical Interpreter and Cultural Competency Training 2004-05



Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Office of Local and Rural Health (OLRH), is proud to announce its fourth year of sponsoring medical interpreter training and its second year for cultural

competency training. KDHE, OLRH, will sponsor six medical interpreter and six cultural competency training sessions this coming year. KDHE has contracted with Jewish Vocational Service of Kansas City, MO to present each training session. The training sessions are listed below:



### Medical Interpreter Training Schedule 2004-05



Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to

medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.

### Northeast Kansas

Lawrence Memorial Hospital

325 Maine, Lawrence

Room "D" Nov. 4-5 - Room "A" Nov. 10-12

November 4-5, 10-12 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Central Kansas

Newman Regional Health

1201 W 12<sup>th</sup>, Emporia

December 2-3, & 8-10 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### North Central Kansas

Mercy Regional Health Center

1823 College Ave, Manhattan

February 10-11 & 16-18, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Southwest Kansas

1710 Palace Drive, Garden City

Area SRS Building

April 18 - 22, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

### South Central Kansas

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita

1010 N. Kansas, Wichita

Sunflower Room 2202

June 6-10, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 142, or e-mail Cathy at [canders@jvskc.org](mailto:canders@jvskc.org). You may also contact Brandi Miller at [bmiller@jvskc.org](mailto:bmiller@jvskc.org).

### Cultural Competency Training Schedule 2004-05

Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.

**Topeka** - October 14-15, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Kaw Area Tech School - Room C-D

5724 SW Huntoon Street, Topeka

**Pittsburg** - January 25 -26, 2005, 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.  
Pittsburg Municipal Auditorium  
503 N. Pine, Pittsburg

**Wichita** - February 22-23, 2005, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita  
1010 N. Kansas, Sunflower Room, Wichita

**Hays** - March 21-22, 2005, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Fort Hays State University  
600 Park Street, Fort Hays  
Memorial Union, College Drive, Trails Room

**Salina** - March 23-24, 2005, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Catholic Charities  
425 W. Iron, Salina  
Board Room

**Dodge City** - April 14-15, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.  
Western Plains Medical Complex  
108 Ross Blvd., Dodge City  
Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital)

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**Healthy Start Home Visitor**  
Fall Regional Training 2004  
9 a.m.-Noon and 1:30 - 3p.m.

**10-5-04 NW – Gove**  
Gove County Health Department  
520 Washington  
Gove - Gove County

**10-26-04 SC – St. John**  
I.O.O.F. Hall  
700 E 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
St. John - Stafford County  
620-549-3504

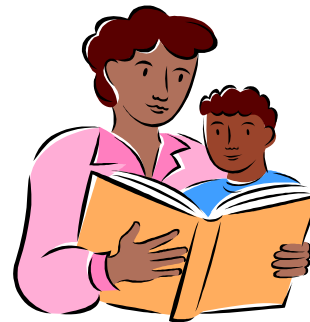
**11-30-04 SE – Coffeyville**  
First Baptist Church Office Complex  
9<sup>th</sup> & Willow  
Coffeyville - Montgomery County  
620-251-4210



**12-7-04 NC – Ellsworth**  
Ellsworth County Health Department  
1603 N Aylward Avenue  
Ellsworth - Ellsworth County  
785-472-4488

**12-9-04 NE – Oskaloosa**  
Jeff. Co. Law Enforcement Annex  
1230 Walnut – US Hwy 59  
Oskaloosa - Jefferson County  
785-863-2447

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### ***PACE EH* Regional Trainings** **Register NOW!!!**



*The Protocol for Accessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health* (PACE EH) tool is a community strategic planning process designed to help local public health agencies and communities work collaboratively to assess and improve local environmental health. The *PACE EH* regional trainings are designed to help participants gain a better understanding of *PACE EH* – both the concepts that underpin the model as well as the practical aspects of the process. A special emphasis will be placed on practical applications of *PACE EH* by presenting lessons learned from actual *PACE* users. Representatives from local health departments, community partner organizations, and state health departments should register NOW for the training in Portland, OR, October 13-14. Space is limited so register as soon as possible to secure your space. For complete registration information visit the *PACE EH* Web site at

<http://www.naccho.org/project78.cfm>.

For additional information contact Jennifer Li ([jli@naccho.org](mailto:jli@naccho.org)) or Grace Ibanga ([gibanga@naccho.org](mailto:gibanga@naccho.org)) at NACCHO, (202) 783-5550.

## GENERAL WORKSHOPS

Continuing Education of interest to Public Health Workforce is listed by the Kansas State Board of Nursing at: <http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm>

**Kansas Division of Emergency Management:**  
<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/trainingnew.htm>

### Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts

See PHTN Web site at <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp> to view a complete list of satellite downlinks and webcasts. Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 if you need assistance.

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<b>10/06/04</b> 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. CT	<b>Lactation and Contraception</b> (Public Health Staff Development)  For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit <a href="http://www.adph.org/alphtn">http://www.adph.org/alphtn</a> .
<b>10/07/04</b> 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. CT	<b>Visual Examination of the Vulva, Vagina and Cervix</b>  There are two ways to register as a downlink site: <b>ONLINE:</b> For more information, visit <a href="http://www.mpres.org/programs/satel/satellite.htm">http://www.mpres.org/programs/satel/satellite.htm</a> <b>FAX:</b> Request a registration form by faxing us at 414-224-5265 <b>Questions?</b> Email us at <a href="mailto:familyplanning@mpres.org">familyplanning@mpres.org</a>
<b>10/13/04</b> 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. CT	<b>"Measuring the Effectiveness of the Nation's Food Service and Retail Food Protection System"</b>  <a href="#">View</a> brochure. To view satellite broadcast, visit <a href="http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/ocer/dcm/">http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/ocer/dcm/</a> .
<b>10/19/04</b> 11:30 - 2:30 p.m. CT	<b>Early Identification of HIV &amp; Newer Testing Strategies</b>  If you have any questions about arranging a site in your area, call (518) 262-4674, or e-mail <a href="mailto:ybarraj@mail.amc.edu">ybarraj@mail.amc.edu</a> .  <a href="#">View</a> brochure.

## Area Health Education Centers

### AHECs

Look for AHEC trainings at <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

**NW Kansas** – Register or call at 785-628-6128

**SW Kansas** – Register or call at 620-275-0259

**SE Kansas** – Register or call at 620-235-4040

### To Order Tapes/CD's:

**Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:**  
<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

### CDC BT programs:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

## Nursing Education

**Ft. Hays Nursing:** <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

**KU Nursing:** KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program:

[http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn\\_to\\_bsn.htm](http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm)

**Wichita State University:** on-line RN to BSN:

[http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp\\_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/](http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/)

**Washburn PHN Certification Program-**

<http://www.washburn.edu/sonu> or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: [zzdnwl@washburn.edu](mailto:zzdnwl@washburn.edu)

**ANA's Web site:** <http://www.RNCE.org>

### Other Continuing Education Online

**The WALD CENTER:** <http://www.waldcenter.org>

**The Public Health Training Network:**

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

**KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:**

<http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

**Training Finder:** Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings

<http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

**The MMWR Continuing Education Program:**

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

**MPH Kansas:** <http://mph.kumc.edu>

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**National Library of Medicine –**  
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

**CDC BT Training –**  
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

**The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center:** <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

**Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:**  
[http://www.slu.edu/centers/heartland/programs\\_public.htm](http://www.slu.edu/centers/heartland/programs_public.htm)

**Centers for Public Health Preparedness:**  
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

**Public Health Training Centers:**  
<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

**Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:**  
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

#### **Public Health Workforce Competencies**

**Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:**  
<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/btcomps.html>

**Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice.**  
<http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>



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